



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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### **Cultural Exchange: Hassam's *Summer Afternoon, Isle of Shoals* on Tour**

Erie, PA – Childe Hassam's well-known painting *Summer Afternoon, Isle of Shoals* is traveling from its home at the Blasco Memorial Library to the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh for the exhibit *American Impressionist: Childe Hassam and the Isle of Shoals*.

The exhibit will run from March 19 – June 19, 2016. The exhibition will later travel to the Peabody Essex Museum of Salem, Massachusetts for viewing July 16 – November 6, 2016 before returning to the Blasco Memorial Library. This important work was purchased for \$1,000 in 1904.

"It is our privilege to share this celebrated work of fine art. Our region values the importance of cultural literacy and we hope others will benefit from this tremendous opportunity," noted County Executive Dahlkemper.

*Summer Afternoon, Isle of Shoals* originally hung in the second floor art gallery located in the former library on Perry Square before moving to its current home outside of the Heritage Room on the second floor of the Blasco Library.

"*Summer Afternoon* is the most well-known piece of art in the library, and we are pleased that it and Erie will receive national attention at this important exhibit," said Mary Rennie, Executive Director of the Library.

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